

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for October 28, 2021

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Kelly Meier, Public Health Director, to provide a public health update
- 10:00 Andrew Lorensen, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 10:30 Darlene Carpio, Regional Director for Congressman Ken Buck, to provide legislative updates
- 11:00 Tom Nestor, Lincoln County Sheriff, to discuss a window project for the county jail
- 11:30 Jeremy Forristall, Maintenance Director for the Town of Hugo, to discuss a paving project
- 1:00 Commissioners and other county department heads to attend a County Technical Services, Inc. training
1. Approve the minutes from the October 15, 2021, meeting
 2. Review the 3rd quarter report for the Lincoln County Public Trustee
 3. Review the FY20 geographic distribution of veteran's affairs expenditures
 4. Review and act upon the Colorado Opioids Settlement Memorandum of Understanding
 5. Review and act upon a work order from W.W. Enterprises regarding the Lincoln County Roundhouse
 6. Review and act upon a Special Event Permit for The Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council to serve Fermented Malt Beverages at the Cattlemen's event on November 20, 2021, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds
 7. Review and act upon proposed Resolution #1051, a request for the renewal of the ambulance service license for the Tri-County Fire Protection District
 8. County Commissioner reports
 9. County Attorney's report
 10. County Administrator's report
 11. Old Business
 12. New Business
 13. Approve Payroll

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2021. Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Doug Stone and Ed E. Schifferns, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel attended. County Attorney Stan Kimble attended until noon.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Lengel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stone moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 15, 2021, as submitted. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the third quarter Public Trustee's report and the FY20 geographic distribution of veterans' affairs expenditures.

A discussion ensued regarding the Colorado Opioids Settlement Memorandum of Understanding, Mr. Burgess commenting that he and Mr. Piper had listened in on a conference call. His suggestion was to appoint Mr. Piper as the county's representative instead of a commissioner since he might be around for the next eighteen years and the current commissioners wouldn't. The portion of the settlement for Lincoln County would be \$60,000 over that timeframe, an estimated \$3,400 per year. Mr. Kimble commented it would be no cost to the county, but if 95% of the state's counties and municipalities didn't participate, they wouldn't settle.

Mr. Schifferns moved to sign the documents and Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Colorado Opioids Settlement. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Work Order Form from W.W. Enterprises didn't include a project cost estimate, so Mr. Piper called Roxie Devers as the Board wanted to include her in the discussion. Mrs. Devers explained that the form didn't apply to what Tony Wernsman had already done or planned to do, but he required the document because the architects needed more information. She didn't believe Mr. Wernsman knew what he would charge but felt he would be reasonable.

Mr. Stone moved to sign the Work Order Form from W.W. Enterprises for work at the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 9:30 a.m., Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvened as the Board of Public Health for director Kelly Meier to provide a department update. COVID-19 cases are steadily decreasing, and the county is now at a 10% positivity rate. They average five hundred tests every two weeks and had forty-four positive results the last time. Public Health has been administering flu shots and now has COVID-19 boosters available in all three vaccine types. Mrs. Meier said she was working on getting a PCR machine, a rapid tester that provides same-day results. Using their ELC funding, they could lease the machine through the state but must pay for the tests, which would be about \$41,000. Mrs. Meier said

she was looking into an electronic health record system, which would cost \$65,000 upfront and \$10,000 per year, also covered under the ELC funding. Public Health recently received another \$56,000 for COVID-19 immunizations, so they would have to decide where to spend that money and the allocated ELC funds.

Mrs. Meier asked if they could paint the Public Health office, which hadn't been done for quite a while. Mr. Burgess told her to contact Ritchie Bruno since he'd done the clerk's office in the spring. Mrs. Meier provided the list of cleaning issues at the annex that the commissioners requested. When asked how things were going for the department, Mrs. Meier told them she had outsourced all of the COVID-19 contact tracing to Ashley Pilling and that Dami Bandy had completed her training in several areas, so things were going well.

Darlene Carpio arrived at 9:45 as Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting as the Board of Public Health and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Stone moved to approve a Special Event Permit for the Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council to serve fermented malt beverages at the Cattlemen's dinner at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on November 20, 2021. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Piper informed the Board that he had yet to receive a signature from the medical director of the Tri-County Fire Protection District authorizing that the ambulance equipment meets state statute. He'd left several messages and sent numerous emails, but no one had gotten back to him. The license expires on Sunday, October 31. Mr. Kimble said the document would have to be signed and submitted before the commissioners could pass a resolution renewing the license.

At 10:00 a.m., Human Services Director Andrew Lorensen met with the Board to give a monthly departmental report. He provided employee timesheets and the Income Maintenance, Child Welfare, Adult Protection, and director's reports for the commissioners' review. Mr. Lorensen also pointed out a discrepancy on the Food Assistance line item of the financial statement that the state hadn't corrected yet. They caught the error before the client received the money but hadn't removed the payment from the report.

Mr. Schifferns asked Mr. Lorensen if he could add the number of increased or decreased caseloads from the previous month to each month's report for comparison, and Mr. Lorensen said he would.

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Lorensen to explain the CSTAT report, a list of guidelines that identifies program improvements to help them align with federal requirements. Small county statistics often skew the numbers based on percentages, but Mr. Lorensen said the state understands that. As for timely processing of Medicaid applications, even one instance would show the county had a high percentage since they have such a small number of cases; however, he

commended Tricia Borns for her excellent statistics. Mr. Lorensen sits on the Child Welfare Committee for CSTAT, which he hopes will help provide a small county's perspective.

At 10:30 a.m., Darlene Carpio, Regional Director for Congressman Ken Buck, met with the Board to provide legislative updates. Congressman Buck visited the border with Arizona Congressman Andy Biggs to determine if problems with immigrants would impact Colorado. Some of their concerns were drugs, COVID-19 vaccinations, costs to local communities, and impacts on schools. The congressman also came to Lincoln County in August and attended the broadband meeting at Mountain View Electric. He planned to support the project as much as possible. Other issues they discussed were obtainable and affordable housing and the lack of child care. Congressman Buck sent a letter asking the President to set aside money for the rural housing shortage if any becomes available. Ms. Carpio also said DOLA was creating a Rural Division of Housing that would hopefully be an excellent resource for the rural areas. The commissioners had voiced concerns about President Biden's proposal to curb tax evasion, which would require banks and financial institutions to report business and personal deposits or withdrawals of more than \$600 to the IRS. The current threshold is \$10,000. Ms. Carpio commented that the proposal received a great deal of opposition.

Ms. Carpio mentioned that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration planned to increase Commercial Driver's License requirements in February of 2022, including more stringent physical conditions, over-the-road time, and eight days of mandatory classroom training. Current CDL holders would be grandfathered in, but Ms. Carpio suggested doing it before February if the county had employees who needed to get their CDLs. She thought they might ask the FMCSA to wait until the country recovered from the supply chain and workforce issues but wanted the commissioners to know it was coming.

Before leaving, Ms. Carpio reminded the group that she'd mentioned in June that Congressman Buck had six anti-trust bills in committee, and all were approved to be heard on the House floor.

At 11:00 a.m., Sheriff Tom Nestor, Undersheriff Gordon Nall, Victims' Assistant Heather McKay, and John Mohan met with the Board to discuss new windows in the Resource Center. The sheriff said they'd planned to redo the floor this year, but the windows were more critical. He asked if he needed to order them this year or wait and use money from the 2022 Capital Projects budget. Mr. Mohan said they would be around \$6,000, but the order was already twenty weeks out through Town and Country Hardware. Once the windows arrived, they would need to hire someone to install them. The commissioners told the sheriff to order the windows now.

Mr. Kimble commented that he'd spoken with the Limon Area Fire Protection District attorney about the changes the county requested to the lease agreement for the firehouse, but the attorney wanted to talk to the district board members first. Mr. Kimble hadn't heard back from him yet and said he'd try to contact him again.

Mr. Piper told Sheriff Nestor that the Tri-County Fire Protection District ambulance license would expire on Sunday and that he'd been unable to get a response from them to complete the paperwork. The sheriff said he would ask Ken Stroud if he had contact information for someone else and let Mr. Piper know.

After the group left, Mr. Kimble reported that he'd received a proposed contract with Black Hills Energy from Roxie Devers.

At 11:30 a.m., Jeremy Forristall, Maintenance Director for the Town of Hugo, met with the Board to discuss a paving project. Although he felt the entire Highway 40/287 and County Road 109 interchange project would take between three to five years to complete, the town planned to work on 109 between the highway and courthouse in the same timeframe. Finishing 2nd Street, taking out the west ditch, raising the road to meet the sidewalk, and installing curb and gutter were all part of the plan. Mr. Forristall asked if the commissioners wanted them to include another entrance to the courthouse at that time. Mr. Burgess said it would cut down on the parking and explained that the Board discussed what to do with the drainage since Dave Smith didn't want it going onto his property. Mr. Forristall said if they put in the other street, there was a chance they could use that curb and gutter for the drainage instead of going the other direction. He added he'd wait to hear from them about what they decided, and Mr. Stone told him they wouldn't do anything with the parking lot until next spring or summer.

Mr. Piper reported that the group doing the CDOT bridge inspections wanted to meet with the Board at the end of November, but that was when the commissioners were going to the CCI winter conference. Mr. Burgess asked him to see if they could come to the mid-month meeting instead. Mr. Piper also said he would have updated 2022 budget sheets out by then as well.

Mr. Burgess asked the others if it was time to raise the county mileage rate since the federal rate is \$.58 and fuel prices aren't going down. After some discussion, the Board agreed to increase the county mileage reimbursement rate from \$.45 to \$.53 per mile starting January 1, 2022.

Mr. Piper also reported that he'd had to purchase new computer software for the pension plan direct deposit program to work, which would cost \$20 or \$25 per month. To make tax reporting more efficient, the direct deposit of the pension checks would occur on the first working day of each month.

Mrs. Lengel reminded the commissioners that if they wanted to purchase anything using the 2021 budget, the bills would have to be turned into the finance department no later than noon on December 27. Since the reorganization meeting would be on January 11, 2022, the commissioners agreed to approve invoices turned in or received after December 27 on January 6.

Mr. Burgess reported calling John Rowe with Wagner Equipment about a landfill trash compactor on October 18. He also called Power Equipment for a price on a Bo Mag compactor

and went to Genoa where he and Bruce Walters discussed what remained of the 2021 budget. Mr. Burgess went to Resources Unlimited on October 19 and learned about a program offering \$5,000 to start a daycare center. He also attended the Public Health Zoom meeting and a conference call regarding the opioid settlement and MOU. Town of Limon Administrator Greg Tacha told him the town board would sign their MOU on November 4. Mr. Burgess talked to Bruce Walters on October 25; they also had an employee quit. He participated in the October 26 Public Health Zoom call and then went to Genoa, where he and Bruce Walters ordered 1,000 tons of chipping rock for next year. He spoke with John Rowe about the landfill compactor again, and they took their IHC tractor to Burlington for minor repairs. Mr. Burgess met with Fred Lundy and Bruce Walters in Genoa on October 27, and they looked at the gravel pit where they wanted to change the boundaries. John Rowe called with an estimate to repair the compactor, so Mr. Burgess spoke with Allen Chubbuck about it and problems they'd had with it in the past. A new one is \$485,859.70 from Wagner Equipment, a used compactor is \$312,000, and repairs on the current machine would be at least \$70,000. Mr. Burgess attended the Lamplighters meeting at Mountain View Electric in Limon.

Mr. Stone reported going by the Karval shop on October 18. He attended the Colorado East Community Action Agency meeting on October 21—Eastern Colorado Bank donated \$5,000 to the organization. On October 25, Mr. Stone talked to Rick Ashcraft about mowers, and they ordered one that won't come in until June. He also checked roads south of Karval. Mr. Stone got his flu shot and attended the Public Health meeting on October 26, and District 3 took another CAT truck to Pueblo for repairs on the Twenty-seventh.

Mr. Schifferns reported checking roads on October 19 and receiving notice on the Twentieth that an employee planned to quit in February. He talked to Chris Monks on October 26.

The Board discussed how to proceed with the landfill compactor, and then Mr. Burgess decided to table further discussion since it was lunchtime and they had to be back for the CTSI drug and alcohol training at 1:00 p.m.

When the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Mr. Piper said he'd received the signed document from the Tri-County Fire Protection District, so the Board could adopt the resolution to approve the ambulance license renewal.

Mr. Schifferns moved to adopt a resolution approving the renewal of the ambulance service license for the Tri-County Fire Protection District. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado, held in Hugo, Colorado, on October 28, 2021, there were present:

Steve Burgess, Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Vice Chairman	Present
Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioner	Present

Stan Kimble, County Attorney	Present
Corinne Lengel, Clerk of the Board	Present
Jacob Piper, County Administrator	Present

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION #1051 It was moved by Commissioner Schifferns and seconded by Commissioner Stone to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Emergency Medical Services Act, Section 25-315.101, et seq., C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to establish requirements for the inspection, licensure, and operation of ambulance services, ambulance personnel, and ambulance vehicles operating in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commissioners adopted Resolution #651 and thereby established rules and regulations governing the licensure of ambulance services operating within Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Fire Protection District has presented the Board of County Commissioners with an application to license the ambulance service and to permit their ambulance as a basic life support vehicle; and

WHEREAS, upon review the Board of County Commissioners determined that the documentation presented met the rules and regulations established under Resolution #651;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that the Tri-County Fire Protection District is hereby authorized to provide ambulance service in Lincoln County with a basic life support ambulance.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Schifferns, yes; Commissioner Stone, yes; Commissioner Burgess, yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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of Lincoln County

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Steve Burgess, Chairman